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CalFresh Program Guide**

**Fleeing Felons & Parole/Probation Violators**

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**Background:**

Effective April 1, 2015, any individual with prior felony drug conviction will no longer be excluded from CalFresh, as long as the individual is in compliance with the terms of his or her probation or parole. Aid affected individuals effective April 1, 2015, if all other conditions of eligibility are met.

**Policy:**

**63-163.1 Verification of the Status of Parole of Probation Violation:**

Use available resources, such as SDLaw and Fleeing Felon Match (FFM) reports to verify if adult household members are fleeing felons or parole/probation violators. No additional verification is required to verify the status of an applicant or recipient's parole or probation status.

**63-163.2 Screening Process:**

Screen all CalFresh applicants eighteen years of age or older for fleeing felon and parole/ probation violation status.

SDLaw eWarrant clearance will be done at application/registration by clerical OA's. Attach screen prints to the case clearance sheet for each household member 14 years of age or older. Clearances will be performed as instructed in the SDLaw user manual by clerical OA's. Refer to [Processing Guide](#)

**63-163.3 Discovery of Fleeing Felon & Parole / Probation Violation Status:**

Self-declaration of fleeing felon or parole/probation violation status requires the individual to be denied or discontinued with timely and adequate notice.

When fleeing felons and/or parole/probation violators are discovered through information obtained from law enforcement or parole/probation departments discontinue the individual with timely and adequate notice. Narrate in the case comments the source of the information and action taken in the case.

**Confidentiality Guidelines:**

When law enforcement agency requests specific information on a fleeing felon, and/or parole/probation violator, provide only the specific information that is being requested. Do not fax information to any law enforcement agency upon discovering that an applicant is a fleeing felon or a parole/probation violator.

Information on fleeing felons and/or parole/probation violators may be shared with the Public Assistance Fraud Division (PAFD), although considered law-enforcement, PAFD conducts Public Assistance fraud investigation on behalf of the Health and Human Services Agency.

**63-163.4 Discontinuance of Benefits:**

Upon discovery that an individual is a fleeing felon or parole/probation violator, discontinue that individual with timely notice. If timely notice is not possible in the month of discovery, take action the first of the following month. However, a re-clearance must be done first in the following month to determine the status of the individual. [Refer to Processing Guide](#)

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**Other Program Impacts**

None

**References:**

[Definitions and Examples](#)

[Processing Guide # 163-01](#)

[All County Letter No.14-100](#)

[MPP 63-402.224\(a\)\(b\)](#)

**Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 10/31/2018

**Release Date:**

10/16/2015